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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC - DUTCH RESOLUTION FOR RESTRUCTURING
UN SYSTEM

1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE REPORT
OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON "A NEW UN STRUCTURE FOR
GLOBAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION," WE WONDER ABOUT THE WISDOM
OF THE DUTCH INITIATIVE IN CIRCULATING A RESOLUTION FOR
THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AT THIS EARLY DATE.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INCLINED TO THINK THAT THE COMPLEXITY AND
COMPREHENSIVE CHARACTER OF THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS,
THE SHORTNESS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND THE PRIMARY
INTEREST OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SUBSTANTIVE

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ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES WOULD HAVE THE COMBINED EFFECT OF

IMPELLING THE SPECIAL SESSION TOWARD REMANDING THE REPORT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSE LATER SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTING STEPS. SUCH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE WOULD RESEMBLE THE ONE ENVISIONED BY THE DUTCH IN PARAGRAPHS 8 THROUGH 10 OF THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION, EXCEPT THAT WE HAD BEEN THINKING OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN ORDER TO AVOID THE OLD UN NUMBERS GAME. DUTCH RESOLUTION ALSO APPEARS TO GIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE A SHORTER PERIOD FOR CONSULTATION AND

REPORTING THAN WE HAD IN MIND. WE WERE THINKING ABOUT A REPORT TIMED TO ALLOW THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE ON SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTING STEPS.

3. IN SUM, WE THINK THE DUTCH EFFORT, ALTHOUGH GENERALLY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, IS PREMATURE BY AT LEAST A MONTH IN TERMS OF PRE-SPECIAL SESSION DISCUSSION AND IS FORESHORTENED IN THE ACTION IT CALLS FOR. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST USDEL ADOPT A FAVORABLY NONCOMMITTAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE DUTCH EFFORT WHILE WATCHING CLOSELY REACTIONS OF OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS. PLEASE REPORT LATTER PROMPTLY TO DEPARTMENT AND USUN. KISSINGER

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